



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1631**

PATENT  
Customer Number 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Hideo AGO *et al.* )  
Application No.: 09/608,713 )  
Filed: June 30, 2000 ) Group Art Unit: 1631  
For: HCV POLYMERASE SUITABLE )  
FOR CRYSTAL STRUCTURE ) Examiner: Cheyne D. Ly  
ANALYSIS AND METHOD FOR )  
USING THE ENZYME )

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AFTER-FINAL AMENDMENT  
AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in this Reply. This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is due September 14, 2004, and timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

The Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.